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(TEXT) MOSCOW - THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS PROMISED TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE FATE OF RAUUL WALLANTERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO DISAPPEARED IN 1943. TAGE ERLANDER, THE SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER, DECLARED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY WHILE REVIEWING THE BROAD LINES OF A SOVIET-SWEDISH COMMUNIQUE JUST SIGNED IN MOSCOW. A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE IS DEVOTED TO THE WALLANTERG AFFAIR.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, ERLANDER SAID: "THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT DISAPPEARED IN BUDAPEST AT THE END OF THE WAR. THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE OF THE SUBJECT IN SWEDEN, AND I DARE HOPE THAT THIS WAS DONE IN THE USSR TOO. AT PRESENT THE SWEDES HAVE CONSIDERABLE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE, BASED ESSENTIALLY ON THE STATEMENTS OF RELEASED GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR." THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT ASSERT WHETHER OR NOT WALLANTERG WAS STILL LIVING BECAUSE "RAISING SUCH A QUESTION WOULD COMPLICATE THE MATTER."

THE SOVIET-SWEDISH COMMUNIQUE JUST SIGNED ATTESTS TO THE PRESENT GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, PREMIER ERLANDER ADDED. HE STRESSED THE ACTUAL DESIRE TO DEVELOP TRADE RELATIONS.

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THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONTAINS A JOINT STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SWEDISH MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR OF THEIR COUNTRY'S TRADITIONAL POLICY OF FREEDOM FROM ANY ALLIANCE, FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN NORMAL TIMES, AND STRICT NEUTRALITY DURING WAR. ERLANDER STRESSED THAT THESE PRINCIPLES WILL BE STRICTLY RESPECTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE.

THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONTAINS ERLANDER'S AND KULGANIN'S STATEMENT ON THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE, THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND THE PROBLEM OF ARMAMENTS WITHIN THE U.N. FRAMEWORK.

THE SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS "A PERFECT IDENTITY OF VIEW," ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, AND SAID THAT "WE WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE REAL DESIRE FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING."

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(TEXT) ALL OF THIS COMING'S SWEDISH PAPERS COMMENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE SOVIET-SWEDISH NEGOTIATIONS. MOST OF THE EDITORIALS SAY THAT THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS TO SAY IN REGARD TO RALF VALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO DISAPPEARED IN MOSCOW IN 1940 WHEN RUSSIAN TROOPS TOOK POSSESSION OF THE CITY. MANY PEOPLE IN SWEDEN BELIEVE THAT MR. VALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE SOMEWHERE IN THE SOVIET UNION, AND IT WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE SWEDISH DELEGATION WOULD ACHIEVE SOMETHING CONCRETE IN THIS MATTER ON ITS VISIT TO MOSCOW.

"BUT PERHAPS," AS THE CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER "SVENSKA DAGBLADET" OBSERVES, "OUR HOPES WERE A LITTLE TOO HIGH." "SVENSKA DAGBLADET" CONTINUES: "THE INITIATED OBSERVERS, THIS ATTITUDE WAS RATHER UNREALISTIC, BUT UNDERSTANDABLE, SINCE THE SWEDISH PEOPLE FEEL SO DEEPLY ABOUT THIS TRAGEDY. HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WAS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT GIVEN TO THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP THAT VISITED THE SOVIET UNION LAST SUMMER."

THE LIBERAL NEWSPAPER "DAGEN'S NYMETER" AS THIS TO SAY: "THE RUSSIANS CANNOT CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT VALLENBERG COULD BE FOUND IN THE SOVIET UNION AT ALL, BUT LAST YEAR THEY PROMISED TO SEND HIM BACK TO SWEDEN IMMEDIATELY IF HE WAS FOUND. THIS PROMISE IS REPEATED IN YESTERDAY'S COMMUNIQUE. BEYOND THAT, THE RUSSIANS SAY NOT A WORD."

ANOTHER LIBERAL PAPER, "HANDSTIDNINGEN," AGREES WITH "DAGEN'S NYMETER" THAT THE RESULTS IN THE VALLENBERG AFFAIR ARE MEAGER. "HANDSTIDNINGEN" WRITES: "WE SEARCHED THE COMMUNIQUE IN VAIN FOR THE ONE BIT OF NEWS IT SHOULD HAVE CONTAINED, MR. ERIKSSON'S RETURN WITHOUT FINDING OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO RALF VALLENBERG IN A SOVIET PRISON CAMP. YESTERDAY CONCLUDING TALKS WAS ALSO FEATURED BY A GOOD DEAL OF MUTUAL FLATTERY. THE MAIN LINE OF THE COMMUNIQUE WAS INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING IS EVIDENT FROM THE REPLY OF MR. BELTOV, WHO TOLD THE LIBERTY OF ASIAN SWEDISH NEUTRALITY TO FLAIL BOTH DENMARK AND NORWAY, WHICH HAVE BOTH SENT THEIR DELEGATIONS TO THE KREMLIN BEFORE."

THE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS OF THE SOVIET UNION TO PERMIT SWEDISH CITIZENS WITHIN ITS BORDERS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND IS ALSO PELITTLED BY THE LIBERAL "DAGEN'S NYMETER," WHICH WRITES: "IF WE WERE DEALING WITH A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY, A STATEMENT OF THIS KIND WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE. IN PRINCIPLE THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT THE INHABITANTS OF A FREE COUNTRY FROM GOING ELSEWHERE IF HE DOES NOT LIKE IT THERE."

IN REGARD TO THE AGREEMENT FOR GREATER CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE SOVIET UNION, THE CONSERVATIVE PAPER "SVENSKA DAGBLADET" MAKES THE FOLLOWING COMMENT: "WE WILL NOT DENY THAT SWEDISH EXPERTS WOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN MUCH OF GREAT VALUE IN RUSSIA. THE SOVIET UNION HAS MADE SO MANY FORWARD STRIDES IN RECENT YEARS, ESPECIALLY IN THE TRAINING OF ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS, THAT THE WEST IS BOTH IMPRESSED AND DISTURBED."

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PAPER "NY TID" WRITES: "THIS COMMUNIQUE MAKES CLEAR THAT THE NEW SOVIET GENERATION OF LEADERS IS ANXIOUS TO BREAK THE BONDS OF THEIR FORMER ISOLATION. SUCH AN EFFORT CAN ONLY BE WELCOMED BY THE WEST."

FINALLY WE CITE THE LEADING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PAPER "MORGONTIDNINGEN," WHICH EMPHASIZES RUSSIA'S EXPRESSION OF RESPECT FOR SWEDEN'S TRADITIONAL POLICY OF NEUTRALITY. "THE SOVIET UNION NOW ADDS ITS ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THOSE GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN WHEN PRIME MINISTER ERIKSSON VISITED THOSE COUNTRIES. THIS JOINT STAL OF APPROVAL FROM EAST AND WEST IS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION."

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(SOVIET-SWEDISH COMMITTEE ON ERLANDER'S VISIT)

(TEXT) SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER ERLANDER STAYED IN MOSCOW FROM MAR. 25 TO APR. 4 OF THIS YEAR, ON THE INVITATION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. PREMIER ERLANDER AND THE MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, HEDLUND, WHO ARRIVED WITH HIM, CONDUCTED IN MOSCOW NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, MUKHOMIN; MEMBER OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET, AND FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU, KHRUSHCHEV; THE FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND FOREIGN MINISTER, MOLOTOV; AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE SOVIET UNION.

IN THESE TALKS THE FOLLOWING ALSO TOOK PART ON THE SWEDISH SIDE: THE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF SWEDEN IN THE USSR, SCHULMAN; THE HEAD OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, (AMBASSADOR) JARRING; COUNSELOR OF THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN THE USSR, (STRICK); THE PERSONAL SECRETARY OF THE PREMIER, PALIN; THE SECOND SECRETARY OF THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, LORENTZON; AND PRESS ATTACHE, (STRIKIUS).

ON THE SOVIET SIDE, THE FOLLOWING TOOK PART IN THE TALKS: THE USSR MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, KARANOV; MINISTER OF CULTURE, KHRUSHCHEV; DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SEMENOV; THE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE USSR IN SWEDEN, BOBICHENKO; THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES OF THE USSR FOREIGN MINISTRY, GRIGALOV; COUNSELOR OF THE USSR EMBASSY IN SWEDEN, (LONKO), AND COUNSELOR, ALEXANDROV.

DURING THE TALKS REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COUNTRIES HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A USEFUL AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, FIRST OF ALL, ON THE QUESTION OF SOVIET-SWEDISH RELATIONS, AND ALSO ON GENERAL INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS TOUCHING UPON THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE TALKS TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS WHICH CHARACTERIZES RELATIONS BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE SOVIET UNION.

IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WERE INTERESTED IN FURTHERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL TRADE EXCHANGE. AS AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD NEIGHBORLY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN A PRACTICAL WAY THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION OF LIFESAVING SERVICES CONCLUDED IN 1934 AND SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDED WAS QUOTED.

THE SOVIET-SWEDISH AGREEMENT ON AIR COMMUNICATIONS CONCLUDED A FEW DAYS AGO MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO SET UP IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE DIRECT AIR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STOCKHOLM AND MOSCOW.

THE TWO PARTIES CONFIRMED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TO START NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN REMAINING MUTUAL CLAIMS CONNECTED WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE BALTIC REPUBLICS TO THE SOVIET UNION IN A CONNECTION WITH THE SOVIET-SWEDISH AGREEMENT OF 1941.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE A SWEDISH DELEGATION WILL BE TO MOSCOW TO
TALK SUCH TALKS.

IN THE COURSE OF THE TALKS IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT OF LATE
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL CONTACTS HAD EXPANDED IN A SATISFACTORY
MANNER WHICH BOTH SIDES CONSIDER VERY IMPORTANT. BOTH SIDES
UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT TOURS BY DELEGATIONS AND GROUPS OF
TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN VARIOUS SPECIAL FIELDS, SPORT CONTESTS, AND
TOURISM, CAN TO A GREAT EXTENT STRENGTHEN RELATIONS AND INCREASE
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BOTH NATIONS.

AN UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED THAT THE STATE ORGANS OF BOTH
COUNTRIES, DEALING WITH QUESTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CONTACTS,
WOULD DULY CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXCHANGES IN THESE
SPHERES. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS DEALING WITH SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
RELATIONS, AN UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE
THE FOLLOWING CONCRETE PLANS WERE TO BE REALIZED AMONG OTHER THINGS:

THE EXCHANGE OF QUALIFIED RESEARCH WORKERS, IN THE FIRST PLACE
IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE, NATURAL, AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES; AND THAT
THE RECEIVING COUNTRY WOULD UNDERTAKE TO PAY THE EXPENSES CONNECTED
WITH THE STAY AND CARING OUT OF SCIENTIFIC WORK.

ADMISSION OF SCIENTIFIC WORKERS TO THE ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES
OF THE COUNTRY.

EXPANSION OF THE EXCHANGE OF LITERATURE AND INFORMATION BETWEEN
THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS ON THE SWEDISH SIDE A
DESIRE WAS EXPRESSED TO SEND A DELEGATION OF EXPERTS TO STUDY THE
"ORGANIZATION" OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE SOVIET UNION.

ON THE SOVIET SIDE INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED FOR THE STUDY IN
A SIMILAR MANNER OF THE TRAINING OF TECHNICAL CADRES IN SWEDEN.

CONCRETE AGREEMENTS WITH REGARD TO THESE PLANS WILL BE REACHED
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

ON THE SWEDISH SIDE GREAT STRESS WAS PLACED ON THE FATE OF THE SWEDISH
DIPLOMAT RAUL WALLENBERG, WHO DISAPPEARED AT THE END OF THE WAR IN
BUDAPEST. DURING THE TALKS THE SWEDISH SIDE HANDED OVER THE MATERIAL
AVAILABLE TO SWEDEN CONCERNING WALLENBERG, WITH A REQUEST THAT THE
SOVIET AUTHORITIES CONCERNED EXAMINE AND CHECK ON THIS MATERIAL.

ON THE SOVIET SIDE READINESS WAS EXPRESSED TO DO THIS.

AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT WALLENBERG IF HE WERE IN
THE SOVIET UNION, WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF RETURNING
HOME.

INFORMATION ON THE RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION WOULD BE GIVEN
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

APPLICATIONS BY SWEDISH, FOR FORMER SWEDISH CITIZENS LIVING
IN THE SOVIET UNION FOR PERMISSION FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES TO LEAVE
FOR SWEDEN WILL BE REGARDED IN A FAVORABLE LIGHT ON CONDITION THAT
SAID PERSONS EXPRESS THE DESIRE TO LEAVE FOR SWEDEN.

LIKewise THE SWEDISH AUTHORITIES WILL SET NO OBSTACLES IN THE
WAY OF SOVIET CITIZENS, OR FORMER SOVIET CITIZENS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR
FAMILIES, WHO WANT TO LEAVE FOR THE SWEDISH UNION.

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DURING THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, THE SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER AND THE SWEDISH MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR POINTED OUT THAT SWEDEN IS PURSUING HER TRADITIONAL POLICY OF FREEDOM FROM ALLIANCES IN TIME OF PEACE, WHICH HAS FOR ITS AIM THE MAINTENANCE OF NEUTRALITY IN CASE OF WAR, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A SITUATION OF NEUTRALITY. ACCORDING TO THE SWEDISH SIDE, THIS FOREIGN POLICY CORRESPONDED NOT ONLY WITH SWEDISH INTERESTS BUT IT MUST ALSO ASSIST IN PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS IN THIS PART OF EUROPE.

ON THE SOVIET PART, IT WAS STATED THAT THE USSR WILL AS BEFORE RESPECT THIS FREEDOM FROM ALLIANCES AND THE PEACEFUL POLICY OF SWEDEN. FURTHERMORE, EACH OF THE TWO SIDES EMPHASIZED ITS INTEREST IN MAKING FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO A FURTHER EASING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLES ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE PRINCIPLES EXPRESSED BY THE U.N. CHARTER, WHICH IN PARTICULAR COMPREHENDS THE RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF MEMBER STATES, NONAGGRESSION, AND NONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR PREPAREDNESS TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUOUS DESIRE TO ACHIEVE PRACTICAL RESULTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, BOTH IN A GENERAL (VAGTSMYNT) REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AND THE NUMBER OF ARMED FORCES AND IN THE RAINING OF AN CONTROL OVER ATOMIC WEAPONS, AS WELL AS IN THE EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE CAUSE OF PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HAS LED TO A MORE PROFUND UNDERSTANDING OF THE POINT OF VIEWS OF BOTH SIDES IN THE QUESTIONS RAISED DURING THE TALKS, AND IT WILL ASSIST IN CONSOLIDATING GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE SOVIET UNION.

AFTER HIS SOJOURN IN MOSCOW, THE SWEDISH PRIME-MINISTER ERLANDER AND HIS WIFE AND THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, PEDLUND AND HIS WIFE, AS WELL AS OTHER PERSONS WHO ARRIVED WITH HIM, WILL TOUR THE SOVIET UNION FOR SEVERAL DAYS, THEY WILL VISIT SUKHUMI, TBILISI, YEREVEN, KIEV, AND LENINGRAD.

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